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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM MRS. SLEPAK TO PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: STATE 156832

1. MESSAGE FOR MRS. SLEPAK, AS GIVEN IN PARA ONE OF REFTEL, WAS PASSED TO CLOSE FAMILY FRIEND (WHO IS ALSO WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY) ON JUNE 21. HE WILL DISCREETLY DELIVER MESSAGE TO HER WHEN HE VISITS HER AT HOSPITAL JUNE 21 OR JUNE 22.

2. ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR RAISED SLEPAK FAMILY CASE WITH MFA USA DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR ISAKOV JUNE 21, AS INSTRUCTED IN PARA TWO OF REFTEL. ISAKOV, WHO CLEARLY WAS FAMILIAR WITH CASE, RESPONDED THAT MFA "WAS NOT IN A POSITION" TO PROVIDE U.S. GOVERNMENT WITH INFORMATION ABOUT LEGAL SITUATION OF INDIVIDUAL SOVIET CITIZENS. REMINDED OF HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF DAUGHTER-IN-LAW'S CONCERN OVER VLADIMIR SLEPAK'S SITUATION, ISAKOV SAID SHE SHOULD CONTACT SOVIET EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION FOR INFORMATION, "AS PRIVATE CITIZEN".

3. REGARDING WIDESPREAD OFFICIAL, CONGRESSIONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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PUBLIC INTEREST IN SLEPAK CASE, ISAKOV CLAIMED THIS "WAS OF NO RELEVANCE." WITH RESPECT TO REUNIFICATION OF SLEPAK FAMILY, AND SPECIFIC VISA CASE OF MRS. SLEPAK AND SON, ISAKOV RESPONDED ONLY THAT ALL APPLICATIONS FOR EMIGRATION WERE PROCESSED IN ACCORD WITH SOVIET LAW.

4. EMBOFF REITERATED REQUEST TOR INFORMATION
ABOUT VLADIMIR SLEPAK'S SITUATION, ON BEHALF OF
HIS U.S. CITIZEN DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, AND EXPRESSED
HOPE SOVIET SIDE WOULD GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION
TO FAMILY'S APPLICATION TO JOIN SON AND HIS WIFE,
AS GENERALLY PROVIDED FOR IN CSCE FINAL ACT. ISAKOV
INDICATED HE HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY ON SUBJECT.
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